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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 2230

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNION PARISHAD CHAIRMAN MURDERED

1. A UNION PARISHAD CHAIRMAN WAS GUNNED DOWN APRIL 26 BY TWO UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS NEAR HIS VILLAGE IN JESSORE DISTRICT. NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE UP CHAIRMAN WAS AMBUSHED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PRE-ARRANGED ATTACK. THE CHAIRMAN HAD HELD HIS POSITION SINCE THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN 1971 AND WAS RE-ELECTED THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE BANGLADESH TIMES, AT LEAST THREE OTHER NEWLY-ELECTED UP CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN SHOT IN THE LAST MONTH. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER REPORTS SINCE THE ELECTIONS OF CHAIRMEN BEING ROUGHED UP OR ROBBED.

2. COMMENT: DURING THE MUJIB ERA, POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN THE RURAL AREAS OCCURRED FREQUENTLY, BUT WITH THE COMING OF THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION, THE LAW-AND-ORDER SITUATION IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY. EVEN THOUGH THE VIOLENCE SO FAR SEEMS TO BE RANDOM IN LOCATION, THE FACT THAT IT IS OCCURRING IS A DISTURBING SIGN. UNION PARISHAD CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS
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ARE OBVIOUS TARGETS FOR "MISCREANTS" AS WELL AS DISAPPOINTED RIVALS FOR OFFICE. SUCH POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS FEARED BY PRESIDENT ZIA AND BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. POTENTIAL VIOLENCE WAS ONE OF THE REASONS CITED FOR LAST NOVEMBER'S POSTPONE-MENT OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.
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